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## Historical Collections.

In 1778, an attack was made by about 200 Indians upon Donnally's Fort. This fort stood on Rader's Run in Greenbrier county, ten miles from Lewisburg. Ii was a double log house, with a chimney in the center, and surrounded by a stockade of split logs. The house was destroyed about the year 1825, at which time many bullets were found in the timber. The doors have been preserved and a few week's since they were brought into Lewisburg to be shipped to the Museum of the West Virginia Historical Society, at Charleston.

Dick Pointer the old negro who acted so gallantly in its defense, died in the thirties. The state had purchased his freedom in reward for his services, and he was buried with the honors of war. The account of the the attack on Donnally's Fort is here given from Stuart's Memours:

Intelligence having been conveyed to Col. Donnally of the approach of the Indians, he lost no time in collecting all his nearest neighbors that night, and sent a servant to my house to inform me. Before day about twenty men, including Hammond and Prior, were collected at Donnally's, and they had advantage of a stockade fort around and adjoining the house. On the next day they kept a good look-out, in momentary expectation of the enemy.

Colonel Samuel Lewis was at my house when Donnally's servant came with the intelligence; and we lost no time in alarming the people, and to collect as many men for defense as we could get at Camp Union all the next day. But all were busy; some flying with their families to the inward settlements, and others securing their property, so that in the course of the day, we had not collected near one hundred men. On the following day we sent out two scouts to Donnally's, very early in the morning, who soon returned with intelligence that the fort was attacked. The scouts had got within one mile, and heard the guns firing briskly. We de-termined to give all the aid we could to the besieged, and every man who was willing to go was paraded. They amounted to sixty-eight in all, inclu-ding Colonel Lewis, Captain Arbuckle, and myself. We drew near Donnally's house about two o'clock, P. M., but heard no firing. For the sake of expedition we had left the road for a nearer way, which led to the back side of the house, and thus escaped falling into an ambuscade, placed on the road some distance from the house, which might have been fatal to us, being greatly inferior to the enemy in numbers. We soon discovered Indians, behind trees house. Charles Gatliff and I fired upon them, when we saw others running in the rye, near where they stood. We all ROOFING ran directly to the fort. The people, on hearing the guns on the back side of the house, supposed that it was another party of Indians; and all were at the port-holes ready to fire upon us; but PAINT some discovering that we were their friends, opened the gate and we all got in safe. One man only was shot LADDERS for tinners, carpenters fruit growers, etc. through his clothes.

When we got into the fort, we found that there were only four men killed. Two of them who were coming to the fort, fell into the midst of the Indians, and were killed. A servant of Donnally's was killed early in the morning on the first attack , and one man was killed in a bastion in the fort. The Indians had commenced their attack about daylight in the morning, when the people were all in bed, except Philip Hammond and an' old hegro. The house formed one part of the fort, and was double, the kitchen making one end of the house, and there Hammond and the negro were. A hogshead of water was placed against the door. The enemy had laid down their guns at a stable, about fifty yards from the house, and made their attack with tomahawks and warclubs. Hammond and the negro held the door till they were splitting it with their tomahowks: they suddenly let the door open, and Ham-mond killed the Indian on the threshold, who was splitting the door. The negro had a musket charged with should shoot? Hammond bade him fire away among them ; for the yard was crowded as thick as they could stand. Dick fired away, and, I believe, with good effect; for a war-club lay in the yard with a swan-shot in it. Dick is now upwards of eighty years old, has long been abandoned by his master

as also his wife, as aged as himself, and

they have made out to support their miserable existence, many years past, by their own endeavors. This is the negro to whom our Assembly, at its last session, refused to grant a small pension to support the short remainder of his wretched days, which must soon end, although his humble petition was upported by certificates of the most respectable men in the county, of his meritorious service on this occasion, which saved the lives of many citizens

The firing of Hammond and Dick wakened the people in the other end of the house, and up stairs, where the chief of the men were lying. They soon fired out of the windows on the Indians so briskly, that when we got to the fort, seventeen of them lay dead in the yard, one of whom was a boy about fifteen or sixteen years old. His body was so torn by the bullets that a man might have run his arm through him, yet he lived almost all day, and made a most lamentable cry. The Indians called to him to go into the house.

After dark, a fellow drew near to the fort and called out in Egplish that he wanted to make peace. We invited him in to consult on the terms, but he declined our civility. They departed that night, after dragging eight of their slain out of the yard ; but we never afterwards found where they buried them. They visited Greenbrier but twice afterwards, and then in very small parties, one of which killed a man and his wife, of the name of Munday, and wounded Captain Samuel McClung. The last person killed was Thomas Griffith; his son was taken, but going down the Kanawha, they were pursuea, one of the Indians was killed, and the boy was relieved, which ended our wars in Greenbrier with the Indians, in the year 1780.

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